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TITLE: SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR LATERALLY REMOVABLE SASH

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**  
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**AMENDMENT**

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**In the Claims**

Please amend claims 12, 29, 39, and 52 as follows:

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12. (TWICE AMENDED) In a system counterbalancing a window sash supported by a pair of counterbalanced sash shoes so that the sash extends between a pair of jambs from which the sash is removable by maneuvering the sash upward and laterally while the shoes are locked in the jambs, the improvement comprising:

- the shoes being formed of a metal extrusion having a predetermined, evenly extending profile establishing an elevational configuration of the shoes;
- the profile configuring an upper region of the shoes interconnected with counterbalance elements; and
- the profile configuring a lower region of the shoes for supporting the sash.

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29. (TWICE AMENDED) A counterbalance sash shoe comprising: